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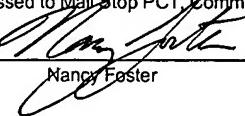
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Jean-Christophe CHARLIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 10/550,158 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
International Filing Date: March 22, 2004 )  
For: CARBON NANOSTRUCTURES AND ) Confirmation No.: 5335  
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION )  
OF CARBON-BASED NANOTUBES, )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.